

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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**Application No.:** 10/563,998

**Filed:** January 9, 2006

**Confirmation No.:** 7407

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
DETERMINING THE ANGLE OF ROTATION  
OF A CAMSHAFT IN RELATION TO THE  
CRANKSHAFT OF AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

Group: 3748

Examiner: Kenneth Whittington

Our File: INA-PT163

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2008 with a Restriction Requirement for the above-referenced application.

In the Action, restriction was required between Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to an apparatus for measuring the angle between a crankshaft and a camshaft, and Group II, claims 5-14, drawn to the method for determining the angle between the camshaft and the crankshaft.

In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4 without traverse. Applicants note that the Restriction Requirement is between product and process claims and, to the extent that the product claims are ultimately found to be allowable, Applicants will request that the withdrawn process claims that require all the limitations of the allowable product claims be considered for rejoinder. Accordingly, the non-elected claims should be withdrawn but not canceled from the application at this stage.

If any additional information is required, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Prompt examination of this Application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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